

Become & Make What God Has Commissioned

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[Mat 28:18-20 NASB95] 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Introduction:

- Graduations are important and it is appropriate to honor people who have achieved goals academically and professionally.
- Graduations are for people who have set a goal to growing in understanding and skill. They have overcome adversity, made choices, and finished what they started.
- Jesus calls us to make disciples. A disciple is a learner. Being a disciple involved a decision to follow, listening to lectures, and following a lifestyle of the teacher. With the goal of becoming just like the teacher.
- It is important to learn to become a learner (a disciple). [Hos 4:6 NASB95] 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

What does it take to become a disciple so we can make disciples?

Becoming a disciple involves understanding the goal, knowing the steps, and developing a lifestyle of a discipleship.

I. What is the goal of becoming a disciple?

- a. It almost impossible to accomplish great things without a goal. Obtain. Avoid.
- b. The ultimate goal of a disciple: to become like Jesus.
 - i. Doing – Power – demons, disease, disaster – [Jhn 14:12 NASB95] 12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater [works] than these he will do; because I go to the Father.
 - ii. Being – Character – fruit of the Spirit – [Jhn 13:35 NASB95] 35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." – see also Galatians 5:22-23
 - iii. Seeing – Perspective – Values, beliefs, presuppositions, and purpose.
 1. Necessitates repentance and mind renewal ([Rom 12:2 NASB95] 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.).
 2. [Jhn 5:19 NASB95] 19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless [it is] something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.
- c. By doing this we can avoid the destruction of not growing. (See Hosea 4:6 again.)

II. What are the steps to becoming a disciple?

- a. Becoming a disciple is a cooperation with God and you.
- b. Four steps
 - i. Surrender to Jesus as Lord of your life. [Rom 10:9-10 NASB95] 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus [as] Lord, and believe in your heart that God

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raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

ii. **Work with the Holy Spirit.**

1. [Rom 8:13 NASB95] 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.,
 2. [Phl 2:12-13 NASB95] 12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for [His] good pleasure.
- iii. Put into practice what you have learned. [Jas 1:22 NASB95] 22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. (See also Matthew 7:24-27 wise vs. foolish builders. Both heard the word the wise did what they heard.)
- iv. Never quit growing in your knowledge of Jesus and His Word. [Phl 3:9-10 NASB95] 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from [the] Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which [comes] from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.

III. What is the lifestyle of a disciple?

- a. [Luk 9:23 NASB95] 23 And He was saying to [them] all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.
 - b. The lifestyle of a disciple will include prayer & worship (time spent with God), Bible study, church involvement, financial giving, regular fasting, witnessing (sharing the Gospel, demonstrating God's power, engaging them into church), and serving others.
- **We can make disciples when we have a goal of becoming like Jesus in power, character, and perspective by surrendering to Jesus as Lord, working with the Holy Spirit, practicing our faith, and never stop learning as a continued lifestyle to protect us and connect us to His promises.**
 - **We fulfill the commission of Jesus when we make the disciples He has called us to become.**